



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

| APPLICATION NO.      | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO.     |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 10/781,522           | 02/18/2004  | Jean-Pierre Lair     | 24NORDAM1           | 2444                 |
| 20185                | 7590        | 07/13/2005           |                     | EXAMINER             |
| FRANCIS L CONTE      |             |                      |                     | FREAY, CHARLES GRANT |
| 6 PURITAN AVENUE     |             |                      |                     |                      |
| SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907 |             |                      | ART UNIT            | PAPER NUMBER         |
|                      |             |                      | 3746                |                      |

DATE MAILED: 07/13/2005

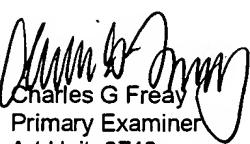
Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

|   |                                     |                         |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b> | <b>Application No.</b>              | <b>Applicant(s)</b>     |  |
|   | 10/781,522                          | LAIR, JEAN-PIERRE       |  |
|   | <b>Examiner</b><br>Charles G. Freay | <b>Art Unit</b><br>3746 |  |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

1.  The amendment filed on 03 June 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.



Charles G Freay  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit: 3746